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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-113, relative to certification of municipal fire prevention and building officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-113, is amended by deleting the punctuation "." at the end of (a)(1) and by substituting instead the following language:

; provided, however, in regard to a candidate in a municipality with a population of not more than ten thousand (10,000) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, such rules and regulations shall require only proof satisfactory that the candidate understands those building and fire codes applicable to the structures found in such municipality.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-113, is further amended in subsection (a) by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in promulgating rules and regulations relative to the standards and qualifications for certification of municipal fire prevention and building officials in municipalities with a population of not more than ten thousand (10,000) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal

census, the state fire marshal shall ensure that such rules and regulations are not so stringent as to prevent such municipalities from procuring the services of a qualified candidate. The state fire marshal shall promulgate rules and regulations for municipalities with such population that are less stringent than those promulgated for larger municipalities.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.